

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a shaver blade, the method comprising acts of:

forming stainless maraging steel into the shaver blade;

and

plasma-nitriding of the shaver blade at a temperature between 300°C and 380°C.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out simultaneously with or consecutively to precipitation-hardening.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 375°C.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 370°C and 380°C.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature of 375°C.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 380°C.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature between 370°C and 380°C.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature of 375°C.

13. (Canceled)

14-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a shaver blade, the method comprising acts of:

forming stainless maraging steel into the shaver blade;

and

plasma-nitriding of the shaver blade at a temperature below 500°C.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out consecutively to precipitation-hardening.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 380°C.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out simultaneously with precipitation-hardening.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 380°C.

24. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a shaver cap, the method comprising acts of:

forming stainless maraging steel into the shaver cap; and
plasma-nitriding of the shaver cap at a temperature below 500°C.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 380°C.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out at a temperature between 370°C and 380°C.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the plasma-nitriding is carried out simultaneously with or consecutively to precipitation-hardening.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein at least one of the plasma-nitriding and the precipitation-hardening is carried out at a temperature between 300°C and 380°C.